Mon cher ami,

If I am not so punctual in my Correspondence as formerly I beg you will not ascribe the alteration to any change of my sentiments of regard to you, or in the value I put upon your letters, but to that unsettled life which the Business I have lately embarked in constrains me to lead. ~~[illegible]~~ that I am scarcely three Days together at home & then, am only preparing for another Journey. Do not concieve from what I have said that my Business is as profitable as it is fatiguing — I have not yet earned the wages of a postman in my peregrinations; but such is the Emergency of my Affairs that I must either submit to these Inconveniencies in hopes of doing better in future, or fairly starve. — Thus much by way of apology not only for the present but on all future occasions, for be assured that I shall with the greatest pleasure & alacrity embrace every Opportunity of cultivating a Correspondence by which I find myself so great a Gainer.

Your last favors of the 13. & 20. of May, have just reached me. The pamphlet I had perused in a very hasty manner a day or two past while your father was with us to whom you had enclosed one of them. You are well acquainted with my sentiments on the subject of Finance & will easily judge that a perusal of that pamphlet must have made me shudder at the prospect of a precipice from the brink of which we are but just escaping — Mons.r de la Luzerne's letter roused in me every sentiment of shame for our Countrymen which such Inattention to their Honor, their public faith & Credit, nay more, to their very existence can have been supposed to inspire in the Breast of one not infatuated by a blind

Confidence

Confidence in the Weakness of our Enemy, or rather in the favorable
Interposition of Chance, against the odds of a Million. The State of
Expenditures gave me equal satisfaction as that of receipts did
pain — for I concieve that nothing but a rigid Oeconomy could
have rendered the amount of the former so small, nor could any
other than an inexcusable negligence, or something worse
have produced a like Effect on the latter. I wish it were
in my power to comply with your recommendation of making
these things as extensively known as possible — I should with
pleasure devote many hours to my pen in order to promote
a habit of thinking on the public Good if I had Leisure, but
I have not for some time past been able to indulge my
Cacoethes in a single Instance — yet twenty different subjects
have occurred to me on which I have imagined I could descant
with some propriety if I could borrow as much time as
was necessary for the purpose.

I yesterday heard a piece of news which had nearly
roused me to dip my Quill in Gall — It was no other than
that a motion was intended to be made in our Assembly as on
Saturday last to enable such persons formerly resident in
this State as come under the Description of British subjects
who have not borne Arms against America to return &
become Citizens of this State. I am told that Henry & Lee
are the promoters & Thompson Mason the principal Oppose
of this scheme. If I
hear any thing worth writing between this &
Thursday, I will add it by way of postscript — for the
present adieu & remember me most affectionately to Mrs
Bland —

Yours most sincerely
St G Tucker.

June 3d 1783

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